

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A fluorescent display device comprising:

an envelop of which an inner space is in a vacuum state, the envelop having therein a plurality of filament-shaped cathodes supported by a pair of cathode supports; and anodes, each having a fluorescent material, fluorescent materials of the anodes radiating light by impaction of electrons emitted from the cathodes;

wherein each of the cathode supports includes a base fixed to the envelop; one or more anchors, each having an arm serving as a resilient member for applying tension to a cathode connected thereto and a tab ~~for supporting connected to~~ one end of a the cathode, the arm having a distal end portion and a proximal end portion, the proximal end portion being connected to the base and the tab being disposed at the distal end portion; and ~~one or more a support members, each being connected to the base and member~~ separated from the arm of its adjacent anchor and having a base portion and a tab portion, the base portion being connected to the base and bent upright and the tab portion being extended from the base portion and supporting one end of another cathode,

wherein the support member and the anchors are connected via the base,
and

wherein the arm of each anchors is slanted with respect to a lengthwise

direction of the cathode, and the base portion of the support member is disposed normal to the lengthwise direction of the cathode.

2. (Currently amended) The fluorescent display device of claim 1, wherein each of the cathode supports is formed by bending a shaped sheet, and the shaped sheet has a slit formed between each the support member and its adjacent anchor, ~~each~~ the support member and its adjacent anchor being seamlessly connected to the base.

3. (Currently amended) A cathode support for use in a fluorescent display device including an envelop of which an inner space is in a vacuum state, the envelop having therein filament-shaped cathodes; and anodes, each anode having a fluorescent material, fluorescent materials of the anodes radiating light by impaction of electrons emitted from the cathodes, the cathode support supporting the cathodes inside the envelop and comprising:

a base fixed to the envelop;

one or more anchors, each having an arm serving as a resilient member for applying tension to a cathode connected thereto and a tab ~~for supporting~~ connected to one end of a the cathode, the arm having a distal end portion and a proximal end portion, the proximal end portion being connected to the base and the tab being disposed at the distal end portion; and

~~one or more a support members, each being connected to the base and separated from the arm of its adjacent anchor~~ and having a base portion and a tab portion, the base portion being connected to the base and bent upright and the tab portion being extended from the base portion and supporting one end of another cathode,

wherein the support member and the anchors are connected via the base,
and

wherein the arm of each anchors is slanted with respect to a lengthwise
direction of the cathode, and the base portion of the support member is disposed
normal to the lengthwise direction of the cathode.

4. (New) The fluorescent display device of claim 1, wherein the other end of said another cathode is connected to an anchor of the other cathode support.
5. (New) The fluorescent display device of claim 1, wherein the cathode supports are point-symmetrically disposed in the envelop.
6. (New) The fluorescent display device of claim 1, wherein the arms are spaced apart from each other at regular intervals and are disposed in parallel at one side of the base.
7. (New) The fluorescent display device of claim 1, wherein said another cathode is disposed above the arm of the adjacent anchor.
8. (New) The cathode support of claim 3, wherein the arms are spaced apart from each other at regular intervals and are disposed in parallel at one side of the base.
9. (New) The cathode support of claim 3, wherein said another cathode is disposed above the arm of the adjacent anchor.